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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

SUBJ: U.S. PERSONNEL CEILING CAMBODIA

REFS: A. PHNOM PENH 3160 (NOTAL); B. STATE 111774 (NOTAL)

- 1. SINCE THERE IS NO INDICATION IN THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF SECTION 656 THAT CONGRESS EVEN CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF OFFICIAL VISITORS WHOSE PRESENCE IN CAMBODIA IS NOT PART OF THE NORMAL FLOW OF TDY PERSONNEL AND WHO, BY THEIR VERY NATURE, COULD NOT BE REGARDED AS ATTACHED TO THE MISSION AT ANY ONE TIME, WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS PERMISSIBLE UNDER THE LAW TO EXCLUDE ALL SUCH VISITORS FROM THE CEILING.
- 2. WITH THE FOREGOING AS YOUR BASIC GUIDANCE, YOU SHOULD ESTABLISH AN APPROPRIATE MONITORING SYSTEM WITHIN THE MISSION TO CONTROL YOUR IN-COUNTRY U.S. POPULATION.
- 3. THE INCLUSION OF U.S. CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL UNDER THE CEILING SHOULD BE OBSERVED AS A MATTER OF CURRENT POLICY ALTHOUGH WE PREFER TO LEAVE THAT QUESTION OPEN FOR LATER CONSIDERATION IF NECESSARY. GDS IRWIN BT #9140

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